

**NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH
COUNCIL**

**Education Skills and Culture Cabinet Board
REPORT OF HEAD OF PARTICIPATION – C.MILLIS
22 July 2021**

MATTER FOR DECISION

WARDS AFFECTED – ALL WARDS

School Terms Dates 2023/2024

Purpose of the Report

1. To obtain Education Skills and Culture Cabinet Board permission to approve the proposed school term dates in respect of the 2023/2024 academic year.

Executive Summary

2. The Local Authority is responsible to determine school terms and holiday dates for community and maintained special schools.
3. The proposed school term dates 2023/2024 have been consulted upon.
4. Consultation took place between 1st April 2021 and 14th May 2021. Consultees included governing bodies and other admission authorities including those in the relevant area.

Background

5. To ensure harmonisation of school term dates across Wales, the Welsh Government have issued legislation which gives the Welsh Ministers power to direct authorities and the governing bodies of voluntary aided and foundation schools on the school term dates that they set.
6. Where agreement cannot be met, Welsh Ministers have the power to intervene and direct the Local Authority.
7. It is a requirement that the Authority inform the Welsh Ministers of term dates for the school year 2023/2024 by the final working day in August 2021.
8. The 2023/2024 school term dates proposed by Neath Port Talbot are the same as other authorities, although INSET days may vary.
9. At its meeting on 18th March 2021, the Education Skills and Culture Cabinet Board approved consultation on the proposed 2023/2024 school term dates.
10. Consultation took place between the 1st April 2021 and 14th May 2021. Consultees included governing bodies and other admission authorities including those in the relevant area
11. Permission is sought to approve the proposed 2023/2024 term dates which are attached as Appendix A and for them to be submitted to the Welsh Ministers.

Consultation

12. Consultation took place between the 1st April 2021 and 14th May 2021. Consultees included governing bodies and other admission authorities including those in the relevant area.
13. Response was received from Dwr Y Felin Comprehensive School.

Financial Impact

14. There are no financial impacts associated with this report.

Equality Impact Assessment

15. A Screening Assessment has been undertaken to assist the Council in discharging its Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act 2010. After completing the assessment it has been determined that this Policy

does not require an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA). There are no equality impacts associated with this report.

Workforce Impacts

16. There are no workforce impacts associated with this report.

Legal Impacts

17. In relation to this specific purpose of the report, there is a legal requirement that the 2023/2024 school term dates must be submitted to the Welsh Ministers by the final working day of August 2021.

Risk Management

18. There are requirements placed on the Local Authority to consult and determine the school term dates prior to submission to the Welsh Ministers.

Recommendations

19. To approve for submission to the Welsh Ministers the proposed 2023/2024 school term dates.

Reason for Decision

20. To enable the Authority to meet its statutory duties.

Implementation of Decision

It is proposed to implement the decision after the three day call in period.

Appendices

21. Appendix A: Proposed School Term Dates 2023/2024.
22. Appendix B: Consultation Report.
23. Appendix C: Individual Response

List of Background Papers

24. The Education (Notification of School Term Dates)(Wales) Regulations 2014

25. School Standards and Framework Act, 1998

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School Terms and Holiday Dates
2023/2024 Academic Year

		Mid Term Holiday			
Term	Term	Begins	Ends	Term Ends	Days
Autumn 2023	Friday 1 st September	Monday 30 th October	Friday 3 rd November	Friday 22 nd December	76
Spring 2024	Monday 8 th January	Monday 12 th February	Friday 16 th February	Friday 22 nd March	50
Summer 2024	Monday 8 th April	Monday 27 th May	Friday 31 st May	Friday 19 th July	69
				Total	195

Schools will be closed to pupils for INSET/Staff Preparation on five days between Friday 1st September 2023 and Friday 19th July 2024.

Bank Holidays

Good Friday	Friday 29 th March 2024
Easter Monday	Monday 1 st April 2024
May Bank Holiday	Monday 6 th May 2024
Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 27 th May 2024